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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1213

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJECT: REVIEW OF US ARMS POLICY WITH DEFENSE MINISTER

1. I PAID A COURTESY CALL ON NEW KUWAIT DEFENSE MINISTER  
SHAIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SALEM AL-SABAH ON FEBRUARY 26  
AND TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ONGOING AND UPCOMING MAJOR  
FMS PROGRAMS WITH GOK. IN LIGHT OF HIS INEXPERIENCE WITH  
DEFENSE MATTERS AND THE CURRENT KUWAITI INTEREST  
IN SUPPORTING SOMALIA IN CONTEXT OF OGADEN CONFLICT,  
I ALSO REVIEWED FOR SHAIKH SALEM THE NEW U.S. ARMS  
POLICY POINTING OUT DIRECT ROLE OF PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS  
IN THIS PROCESS. I STRESSED, PARTICULARLY, THAT ANY  
RESALE OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT  
WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE USG.

2. I HAD NOT INTENDED TO REPORT THIS ESSENTIALLY  
ROUTINE CALL BUT THOUGHT IT WORTH RECORDING THAT NEW  
DEFENSE MINISTER WAS CLEARLY APPRISED OF RESTRICTIONS IN  
THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FROM THE U.S.  
BECAUSE OF THE SOMALI/ETHIOPIA CONFLICT ASPECT.  
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